

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. 1. A portable device comprising:
  2. an attachment module for removably connecting to a wearer;
  3. a display module defining a window for displaying information, wherein said display module
  4. is extendably and retractably connected to said attachment module.
1. 2. The device according to claim 1 wherein:
  2. said display module has a front cabinet, a rear cabinet, and a top cover; and
  3. said top cover defines a window for displaying information.
1. 3. The device according to claim 1 further comprising:
  2. a button for illuminating a light acting on said information displayed in said window.
1. 4. The device according to claim 1 further comprising:
  2. a button for changing a display mode of said information displayed in said window.
1. 5. The device according to claim 1 wherein said information is displayed on an LCD display.
1. 6. The device according to claim 1 wherein said window for displaying information is visible  
2. through said top cover.
1. 7. The device according to claim 1 wherein:

2       one of said display module and said attachment module define a protrusion;  
3       one of said display module and said attachment module define a receptacle shaped for mating  
4       engagement with said protrusion, said protrusion and said mating receptacle for substantially  
5       preventing relative movement between said display module and said attachment module when said  
6       display module and said attachment module are in a retracted position.

1       8. The device according to claim 1 wherein:

2            said display module defines a pair of line orifices for receiving a first cable and a second  
3       cable, wherein said first cable and said second cable retractably connect said display module and said  
4       attachment module.

1       9. The device according to claim 1 wherein:

2            one of said display module and said attachment module houses a spool for housing a cable  
3       when said display module and said attachment module are in a retracted position; and  
4            said spool is biased in a winding direction by a biasing member.

1       10. The device according to claim 9 wherein:

2            said spool simultaneously retracts or plays out a first cable and a second cable; and  
3            wherein said first cable and said second cable connect said display module and said  
4       attachment module.

1       11. A method of viewing a display of a portable device:

2 securing an attachment module to a wearer;  
3 grasping a display module and imparting a separating force to said display module to pull  
4 said display module away from said attachment module;  
5 playing out a line connecting said attachment module and said display module;  
6 viewing a display on said display module; and  
7 taking up said played out line upon returning said display module to a position proximate said  
8 attachment module wherein a biasing force maintains said display module in proximity to said  
9 attachment module when said display module is released by said wearer.

1 12. The method according to claim 11 wherein said step of playing out a line further comprises  
2 playing out two lines simultaneously.

1 13. The method according to claim 11 further comprising a step of substantially preventing relative  
2 lateral motion between said attachment module and said display module by engaging a protrusion  
3 on one of said attachment module and said display module with a receptacle on one of said  
4 attachment module and said display module wherein said protrusion and said receptacle engage in  
5 a mating relationship when said attachment module and said display module are in a retracted  
6 configuration.